

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The Education Committee met on Monday, June 1st at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Baljinder Narang and Meiling Chia, DPAC Representative Jennifer Mezei and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

1. Collaboration Time at Alpha Secondary School

Paul Fester, Principal, Alpha Secondary along with David Greve, Vice-Principal, Debra Rizzo, Department Head, Applied Skills and Brett Meredith, English Teacher presented the committee with the proposal for implementing Collaboration Time at Alpha Secondary School.

The group presented the school's plan for establishing a formalized and regular collaboration time model to be implemented in September 2015. The implementation of the model will enable staff to work to better enhance student learning and improve the educational experience for students. They outlined the details and structure of the model for both students and staff and highlighted the importance of having strong learner-focused goals and working with senior student mentors. The Collaboration Team Committee at Alpha plans on posting the collaboration groups' learning intentions on the school website to share with the school community.

Staff, PAC and the school parent community were consulted prior to the proposal being presented to the Education Committee.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve this information.

2. Be the Change Earth Alliance Update

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction, introduced Maureen Jack-La Croix, Creative Director of *Be the Change Earth Alliance* and Jen Holden, Communications Manager, who updated the committee on the progress of the food scraps and recycling program in schools and district buildings in the Burnaby School District.

A district partnership between *Be the Change Earth Alliance* and the Burnaby School District was struck in September 2014. Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) students at each secondary school ran a campaign to initiate a behavioral change in the students' recycling habits.

The *Be the Change Earth Alliance* ran two workshops last spring with the BYSN students to support the implementation of the program. BYSN students delivered presentations to their schools during opening week assemblies to support the effective implementation of

the district's new waste containers and compostable bags. They also monitored compliance rates and responded with additional education, if required. Over 6000 high school students were educated in the purpose and structure of the program. Strong relationships between students, administrators, custodians and teachers have proven to be key in effective implementation of this program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Board Authority Approved (BAA) Courses

Dance Conditioning 10 / 11 / 12 and Dance Company 10 / 11 / 12

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction introduced Dance Teachers Ashley Chow, Moscrop Secondary, Ashley Douglas, Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Allison Murphy, Byrne Creek Secondary, and Shannon Tirling, Byrne Creek Secondary, who presented rationale for the Board Authority Approved Courses Dance Conditioning 10 / 11 / 12 and Dance Company 10 / 11 / 12.

Dance conditioning courses are designed to introduce students to the principles of strength and conditioning as they pertain to dance technique. Students will develop an increased amount of strength, technique and flexibility through the practice of various methodologies as well as having an in-depth understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the human body and good nutrition.

Dance Company is a practical production-based course designed to prepare students to be in the studio, in the dance production office, on the stage, and a part of the pre and post-production operations. Students will learn about the interconnected roles and responsibilities of the people who work within a dance production or company/collective and explore back stage and on-stage etiquette, front-of-house communication/protocol and problem solving strategies.

Sustainability Toolbox 11 / 12

Sustainability Toolbox 11 / 12 highlights the relationships between nature, culture, society and the economy. The course is intended to explore the philosophical concepts and connections associated with these relationships. Students will have the opportunity to develop practical action plans to address issues such as inspiring sustainable behavior, systems theory and sustainability in action.

This board approved course will be offered with support from the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Twenty-four students from around the Lower Mainland will enrol in this four credit course which will take place over one week at camp in August and will be followed by five Saturdays in the fall. The course will be offered through Burnaby's on-line school and be centred at Cariboo Hill Secondary School.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve this information.

4. School Plans

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent, outlined the school plan visit and review process. The presentation highlighted the school planning cycle and the structures and interventions used to improve student learning. Schools were visited by either a district team, comprised of a trustee, district staff, parent and/or an administrator from another school, or had a focused conversation with the Superintendent, or Assistant Superintendent.

Using the *Response to Intervention* framework, schools examined student performance data, which is then used to identify the focus of the school plan. Feedback, including the recommendations and planning implications outlined at each visit, assists schools and the district in future planning.

School plan visits provide opportunities to share exemplary practices throughout the district. This process targets support and allocation of appropriate resources to each school.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve this information.

5. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 5th, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 5:00 pm. In attendance were Trustee committee members Baljinder Narang (chair) and Katrina Chen, Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, and Kristin Schnider, DPAC.

1. Reports from Community Committees

Trustees who represent the Board on community committees updated the YCSC on items that would be of interest to the Board.

Parks and Recreation

At its May 20, 2015 meeting the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission received and approved the 2015-16 Community Schools Grant in the amount of \$460,656.

The committee would like to acknowledge and thank the City of Burnaby for their ongoing support of Burnaby schools.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

City of Burnaby's Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

A report from Trustee Narang was shared with the committee. The "*Highlights from the 2015 'Count' of Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth*" report indicated that the majority of youth at risk for sexual exploitation are of school age and living at home.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Goddess Within You

The committee received information on *Goddess Within You*, an organization interested in providing emotional awareness programs and workshops for students. The district will gather additional material and report back to the committee in the fall.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Code of Conduct

Changes have been made to the requirements in the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order Ministerial Order. The district will review the Burnaby Board of Education Code of Conduct to ensure that the new requirements are being met and report back to the committee in the fall.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. New Business/Updates

a) Everfi Future Goals - Update

The district will pilot the “*Future Goals*” program in 12 classes between grades 6 and 9 in the month of June 2015. Lucky Saini, Learning Technology Program Consultant, will collect feedback from these classes to determine if it is feasible to roll the program out district-wide for the 2015-16 school year.

b) Threat Assessment Protocol

The Safe and Caring Schools team will investigate the possibility of creating a Threat Assessment Protocol in cooperation with our community partners. A member of the team will report back to the Youth and Community Services Committee in the fall.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

6. Next Meeting

The meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm.